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SUBJECT: US-CZECHOSLOVAK CLAIMS AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 199967

ALTHOUGH I SHALL RESERVE JUDGMENT UNTIL I SEE THE TEXT OF THE LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT, I AM DISTRESSED AT THE IMPLICATION OF THE AMENDMENT AS DESCRIBED IN THE TELEGRAM. FULL PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AS ADJUDICATED BY THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION WOULD BE TO MY KNOWLEDGE UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, AND THIS DEMAND WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO ACCEPT. AS BEST I CAN JUDGE BEFORE STUDYING THE TEXT, THE AMENDMENT, IF PASSED, WOULD KILL OUR CLAIMS AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE UNFAIR TO THE CLAIMANTS AND HIGHLY UNFORTUNATE FOR US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS. I RECEIVED THE TELEGRAM ABOUT THE AMENDMENT SHORTLY BEFORE MY DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS FOR NATO CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE, AND WILL OF COURSE STUDY THE MATTER THOROUGHLY UPON MY RETURN TO PRAGUE. NEVERTHELESS I DO NOT
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WISH TO DELAY IN STATING HOW SERIOUSLY I TAKE THIS AMENDMENT,

IF IT IS AS IT APPEARS IN THE TELEGRAM. I URGE THE DEPARTMENT
NOT TO DELAY IN ASSURING THE CONGRESS THAT THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT WOULD BE HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE OVERALL NATIONAL
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